

## **City Ordinances and Nuisance Violations**

### **Exterior Furniture**

All furniture to be used outside, even on a porch must be exterior or lawn furniture or at least be weather resistant. The use of interior upholstered furniture outside is prohibited since it can contribute to rodent and insect infestation and harborage and has contributed to fires.

### **Snow/Ice Removal**

Snow must be removed from the public sidewalk six hours after daylight and after the snow has ceased to fall.

### **Garbage and Rubbish Regulations**

Your property must be free of any garbage or rubbish accumulation. Garbage cans with lids or dumpsters must be used to store garbage until it is removed and cans must be stored in an inconspicuous place on the property.

Appliances such as refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners will not be picked up by the city. You must pay to dispose of these items. Lists of places that provide this service are available from the [Department of Development](#).

The City of West Lafayette provides curb-side service for recycling and garbage pickup for houses with four units or less. If you live in a complex or house with more than four units, a private contractor must be hired for garbage disposal. Labeled bins are provided for anyone wishing to drop-off recyclable materials at 705 South River Road. For more information, contact the [Street, Sanitation, and Recycling Department](#) at 775-5242.

### **Junk Vehicles**

No unregistered and/or inoperable motor vehicle is to be parked in public view on any property in a residential district for more than 24 hours. At no time may any motor vehicle be left in a state of major disassembly, in public view, for more than 24 hours. The [West Lafayette Police Department](#) enforces this regulation in cooperation with Code Enforcement.

### **Grass and Weeds**

Lawns must be kept trimmed below the height of 10 inches or below the height at which the generation of pollen and forming of seeds occurs. In addition to your lawn, you must maintain any areas between your property and the paved area of all adjacent streets, including ditches, alleys, and unpaved portions of right-of-ways.

### **Noise Ordinance**

West Lafayette has an ordinance to protect residents from excessive noise. The [West Lafayette Police Department](#) investigates and enforces this ordinance. Violators can be fined from \$50 for the first offense up to \$500 for second and subsequent violations.

### **Parking**

No vehicle may be parked on any city street for more than 24 hours. Certain areas limit parking to 2 or 3 hours; always check the posted time limits. The driving, repairing of, or parking of motor vehicles on any area of the lawn is prohibited. Unauthorized parking on private property is prohibited. The [West Lafayette Police Department](#) enforces this regulation in cooperation with Code Enforcement.

### **Shrubbery and Trees**

Shrubbery and trees should be kept trimmed or pruned, free from intergrowth of weeds, vines, and saplings, and free from dead or dying branches.

### [Maintenance Agreements](#)

As part of the rental certification application, your landlord must inform the city of who is responsible for the removal of snow on the public sidewalk and all yard maintenance, including the mowing of the lawn and the removal of trash and rubbish. Tenants are required to acknowledge the maintenance responsibility and sign the agreement, which is filed with the city.

### [How are these violations enforced?](#)

City housing inspectors routinely patrol the city and enforce the majority of the above nuisance violations. If you are the responsible party, the inspector will issue a warning on the first offense. This warning can be a door hanger. Non-compliance with the warning will result in an Ordinance Violation Bureau ticket in the amount of \$50. The violator has the right to go to City Court or pay the ticket through the Clerk-Treasurer's office. Repeat violations can be fined higher amounts and in some instances the City can abate the violation and bill the property owner for the costs.